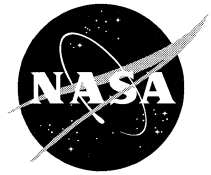


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FROM: AL/Assistant Chief Counsel for General Legal Matters

SUBJECT: Widely Attended Gathering Determination Regarding Attendance  
of JSC Space Flight Awareness (SFA) Program and co-sponsors are  
hosting a Space Flight Awareness Recognition Event

On February 13-16, 2006, the JSC SFA Program and co-sponsors are hosting an SFA Recognition Event at Coronado Springs Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

The event is to begin February 13, at 4:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. including a welcome dinner for the participants. On February 14, events will begin at 6:30 p.m. where the participants will load buses and be brought to the Convention Center to see an IMAX movie and receive a KSC Tour and return to their hotels at 4:30 p.m. On February 15, the activities will include a dinner and an awards program from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event will end on February 16, with a group awards breakfast and photographs from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The co-sponsors of this event who are providing the alcohol, entertainment support, table decorations, and the cost of their employees to attend include: Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Pratt & Whitney, United Space Alliance, and. ATK Thiokol.

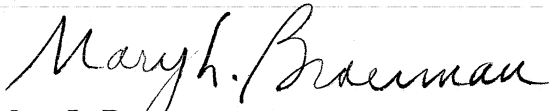
The SFA Program is a NASA managed motivational program with invited representation from the Office of Space Flight Field Centers, other NASA Field Centers, and contractors having major responsibilities for human space flight mission success. This Program meets the NASA requirement for contractors to participate in a NASA motivational Program.

The purpose of the SFA Plan is to establish annual SFA Program goals and objectives to ensure every employee involved in human space flight is aware of the importance of their role in promoting safety, quality, and mission success. It is also meant to increase awareness of the Human Space Flight Program accomplishments, milestones and objectives with a focus on safety and mission success and conduct events and products that motivate and recognize the workforce, and enhance employee morale.

The awardees that will be attending the event are both NASA civil servants and employees from the contractor community. The event is of direct interest to NASA and serves as a forum for facilitating the widest practicable dissemination of information concerning the Agency and the importance of safety in the Human Space Flight Program and motivating employees to continue to promote such safety programs within their workplace.

It is my determination that it is in the Agency's interest for JSC invitees to attend. Their attendance outweighs any concern that the acceptance of any benefits may, or may appear to improperly influence any NASA employee in the performance of official duties.

Accordingly, JSC invitees are authorized to attend and to accept the services and items that are being provided for by the contractor co-sponsors in conjunction with this event, at no cost.



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